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BOSTON, MASS., April 1, 1921.

TO ALL CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS: —

Dear Friends:

Supplementing the information contained in the brochure issued by The Christian Science Benevolent Association in 1920, the following is submitted for your consideration. As contributors to The Christian Science Benevolent Association, you will be interested to know somewhat of the development and present status of the Association and the general plan upon which its work is being carried on. It is not possible to make a report which will adequately inform the field of the benefits shared by those guests who have sought the peace and harmony of its environment while gaining healing,—this information must be given by the beneficiaries who return to their homes and themselves tell the story, — but it can be said that even in this early stage of its activities, the sanatorium is in large measure fulfilling the purposes outlined by our beloved Leader in the instructions which she gave regarding its establishment.

Present Development

The funds already contributed by the field have provided for the erection and equipment of three main buildings, also laundry and garage, together with power house, which supplies heat and light and has capacity for ultimate needs when further buildings are erected. A great amount of work has also been done on the grounds and in preparation for additional buildings. Although the buildings were erected and the furnishings purchased during a period of high costs, durability and needful comfort were considered as well as the money cost

and the Directors believe the results to be satisfactory. The buildings and furnishings are substantial, simple, homelike and comfortable.

Eligible Guests

The sanatorium provides a peaceful and spiritually inspiring environment for the Christian Scientist who feels the need of getting away from his daily routine for a brief period in order that he may have time and quiet for study, for mental and physical recuperation. It also supplies a place for those who are suffering from more pronounced beliefs of disease and who are seeking healing through Christian Science. Our Leader's thought regarding its purpose was clearly indicated when she asked "that it be a resort for invalids without homes or relatives available in time of need; where they can go and recruit." (See *Christian Science Sentinel*, Oct. 7, 1916.)

Basis of Charges

Since the sanatorium is the generous gift of Christian Scientists in their endeavor to demonstrate the efficacy of spiritual healing and the broad benevolence of Christian Science, the management is free from any necessity for providing earnings to cover interest on a large capital investment or to earn a profit from its operation. Present rates are below what might reasonably be charged and may vary from time to time as costs for supplies and service fluctuate. Minimum rates for rooms and board cover only the actual cost of taking care of guests. The rates for higher priced rooms with bath, etc., include a margin above actual cost which is applied as a contribution to the benevolence expenditures, and which is drawn upon to assist those who are either entirely non-paying or who pay in part. Twenty-five per cent or more of the capacity of the home is reserved for such patients. Since the Benevolent Association is as yet without any considerable income from endowment funds, the extent of its ability to take care of non-paying guests depends upon contributions from the field, except for the comparatively small item of margin from the higher priced rooms already mentioned.

Benevolence Fund

In connection with the administration of the benevolence fund, upon which great demands are being made constantly, the necessity exists for careful investigation of all cases where applicants are asking for reduced rates.

In order that the larger number may share in the benevolence fund but

few wholly non-paying guests can be accepted, and therefore, except under special circumstances, this fund is used to assist those who are able to pay in part the actual expense incident to their care at the sanatorium. By this plan it is possible to assist a larger number than could otherwise be helped and Christian Scientists are thus doing what may reasonably be expected of them. As the income from the endowment fund increases it will be possible in time to extend this benevolence in a more general way, but to do so will necessitate the completion of further buildings in order that a larger number of persons may be accommodated.

Protecting the Sanatorium

Under the laws of the State of Massachusetts at present neither so-called mental cases nor those of a contagious or infectious nature can be accepted. Those who write letters recommending a guest should bear in mind the need for their cooperation in protecting the Benevolent Association as well as helping an individual, and a right decision for any applicant is likely to be reached only as the interests of both are fairly considered. In cases where benevolence is asked for, an open, frank statement of the circumstances of the individual or family is necessary to insure prompt and equitable disposition of the application by those having these details in charge.

Nurses

A plan is in operation whereby a systematic training experience for nurses is provided and it is expected that hereafter those taken into the sanatorium for this service will remain for a sufficient period so that when they leave and go out into the field as nurses they will be practically qualified to help others who have not had the experience which is needful in cases of so-called disease and accident.

Contributions

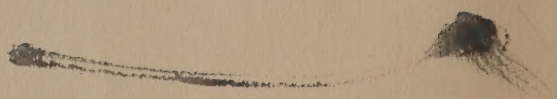
In order that the work may go steadily forward and the necessary buildings and equipment be provided to take care of a larger number of guests, it is desirable that Christian Scientists should continue to support The Christian Science Benevolent Association fund. It is also needful for Christian Scientists to cooperate in helping those to come here who would be benefited in the environment of peace and expectancy which prevails in the institution and which is so important in the healing mission of Christian Science.

The field can rest assured that earnest endeavor is being made to further the accomplishment of the purposes indicated in a proposed By-Law submitted by our Leader on July 27, 1909, as follows: "The Mother Church shall establish and maintain a Christian Science resort for the so-called sick." The Benevolent Association is not only supplying such a "resort," but through its corps of nurses and other employees is ministering in a most loving and efficient way to human needs. Much can be said regarding the faithfulness of practitioners upon whom guests call for help, and the field can easily recognize how great a share is theirs in this system of Christ-healing for which the sanatorium stands.

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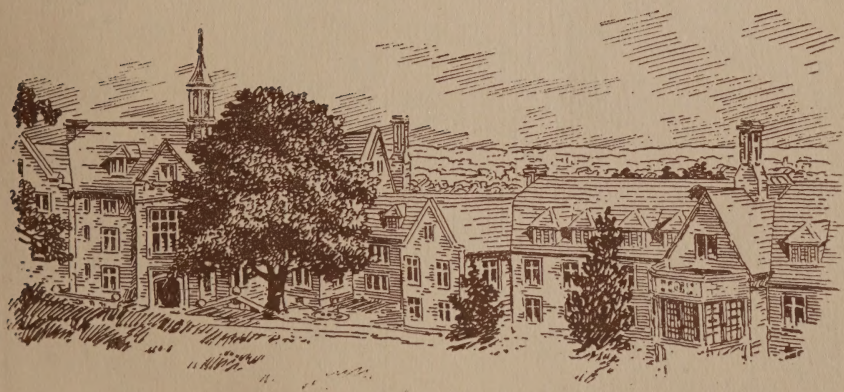
Approach to Administration Building

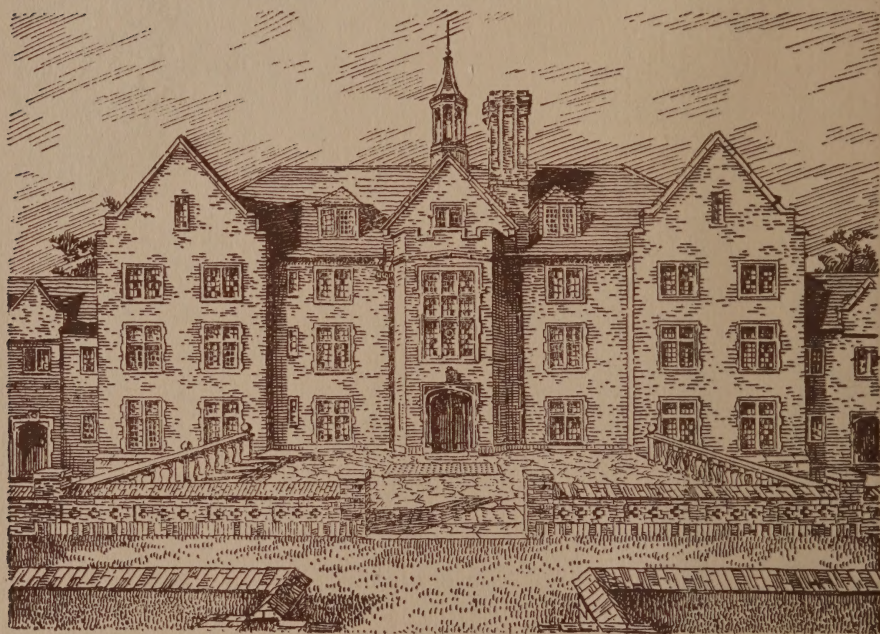
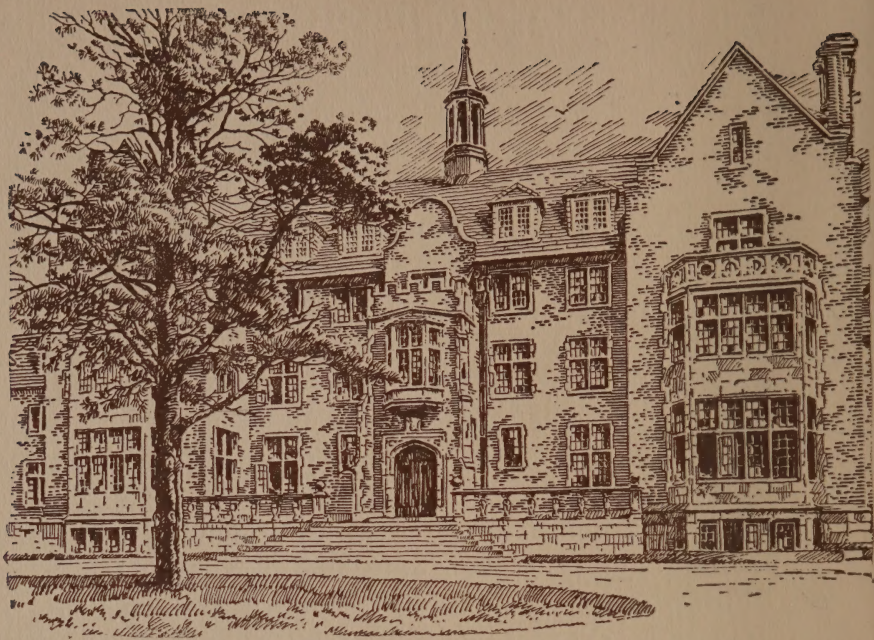
A STEP OF PROGRESS



OUR Leader has declared that "The Mother Church shall establish and maintain a Christian Science resort for the so-called sick" (*Christian Science Sentinel*, Oct. 7, 1916), and the completion of the initial buildings of The Christian Science Benevolent Association is a step of progress in this direction.

It is in accord with Mrs. Eddy's declaration: "Philanthropy is loving, ameliorative, revolutionary; it wakens lofty desires, new possibilities, achievements, and energies; it lays the axe at the root of the tree that bringeth not forth good fruit; * * * * it unselfs men and pushes on the ages."—*Miscellany, pages 287, 288.*





*Front and Rear Views of the
Administration Building*

THE FOREST-CROWNED EMINENCE

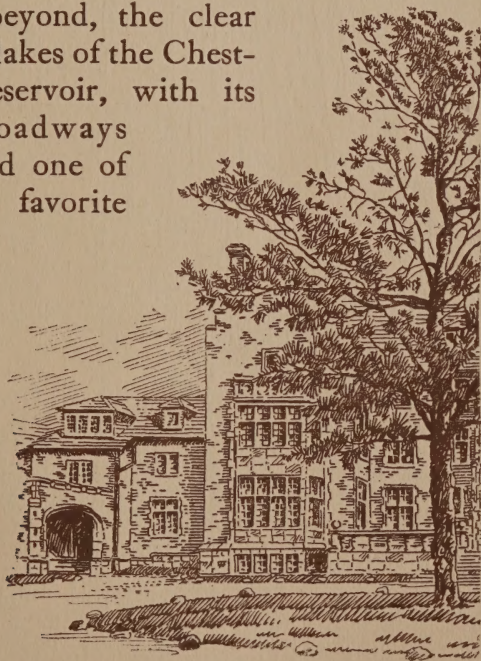


THE location of the buildings is one of the most favored spots in New England.

It is a forest-covered tract of twenty acres which crowns the summit of historic Single Tree Hill, in Brookline, one of Boston's beautiful suburbs.

The origin of the name Single Tree Hill is interesting. Tradition records that in the early days of the Massachusetts Bay Colony a single tall tree stood on the summit of this hill. This tree was easily seen by sailors entering Boston Harbor, and it became a well-known landmark. Thus the beautiful site of the buildings acquired its unique name.

The outlook is over a wide expanse of hill and valley. Below lies the Chestnut Hill Golf Club, and beyond, the clear waters of the lakes of the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, with its park and roadways which formed one of Mrs. Eddy's favorite drives.





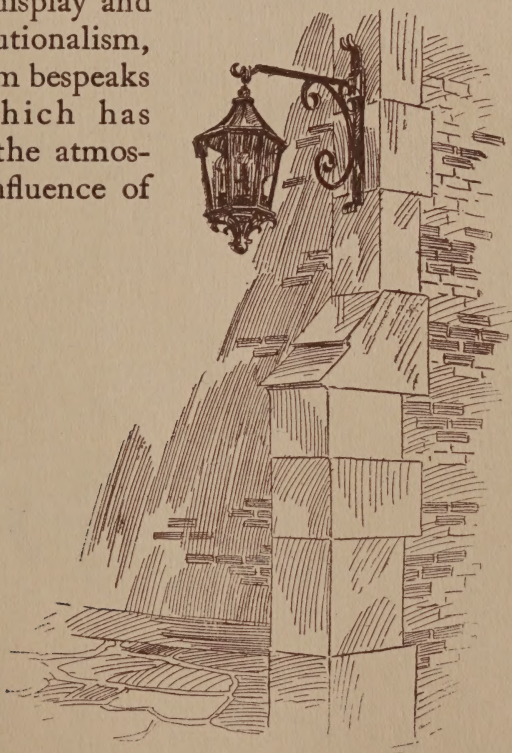
*Front View of a Dormitory
Driveway Approach to Buildings*

THE SUBSTANTIAL ARCHITECTURE



THE buildings already erected form the first unit of the architectural plan, and include the central administration building with two connecting wings for guests. In addition, and remote from these buildings, are a power house, garage, and laundry.

The buildings have been constructed with prudence, wisdom, and good taste, and it is evident that they will meet the needs of a noble institution. The most durable materials have been provided in construction and in furnishing. There is absent the appearance of unnecessary display and of cold institutionalism, and every item bespeaks the love which has planned for the atmosphere and influence of a home.





Two Views of Reception Room

FUNDS

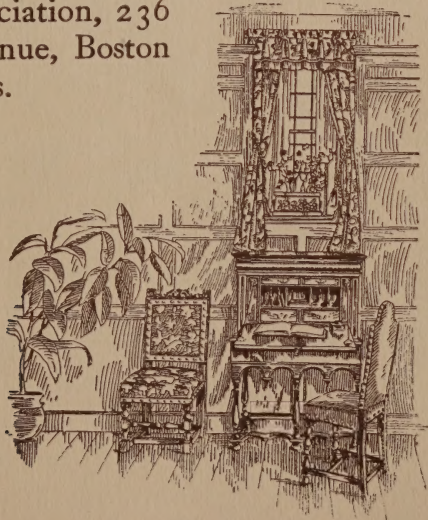


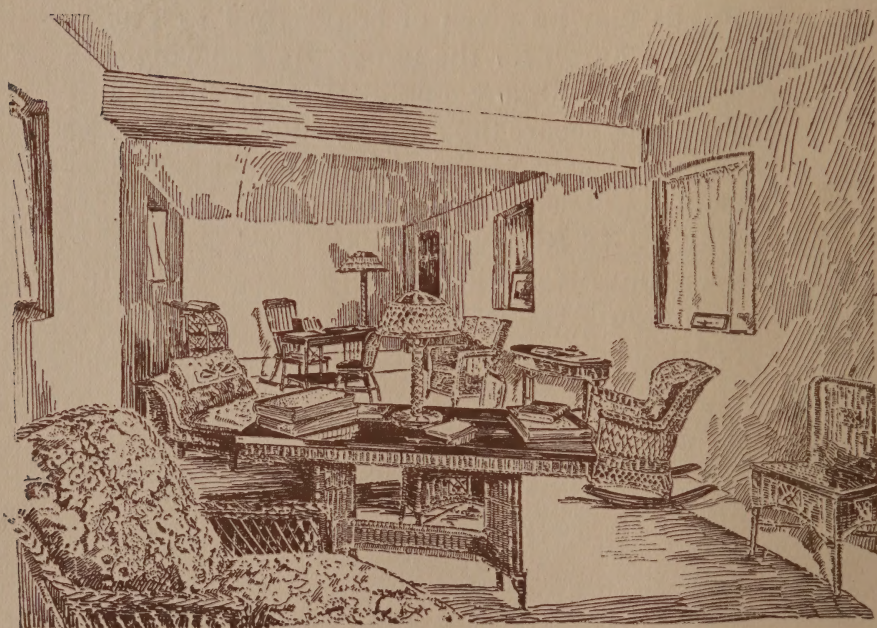
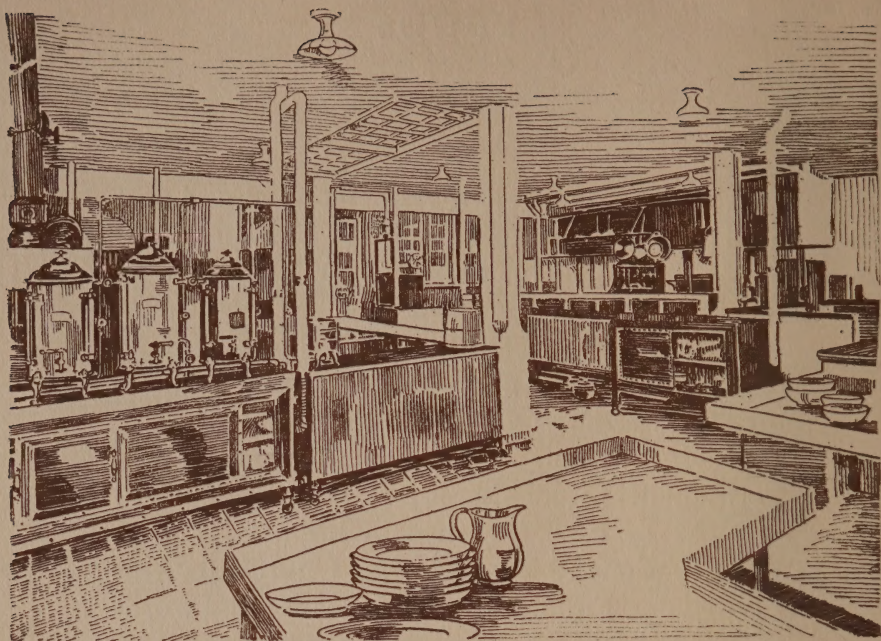
THE Benevolent Association Fund was established to provide for buildings, furnishings, maintenance and the care of indigent cases at the institution. Liberal contributions have been made to this fund, and donations are still needed to meet the requirements of so large an institution.

Loving friends have given the nucleus of a Permanent Fund, the interest of which will be used to care for those who cannot pay. Contributions to The Mother Church for this Permanent Fund will help to realize the words of our Leader: "Each successive period of progress is a period more humane and spiritual." — *Miscellaneous Writings, page 26.*

Funds may be given or bequeathed to The Mother Church for the use of the Benevolent Association, and any one desiring a form of bequest may secure the same by addressing The Christian Science Board of Directors.

Contributions may be sent to Edward L. Ripley, Treasurer of the Association, 236 Huntington Avenue, Boston 17, Massachusetts.





Kitchen
Workers' Rest Room

BENEVOLENCE



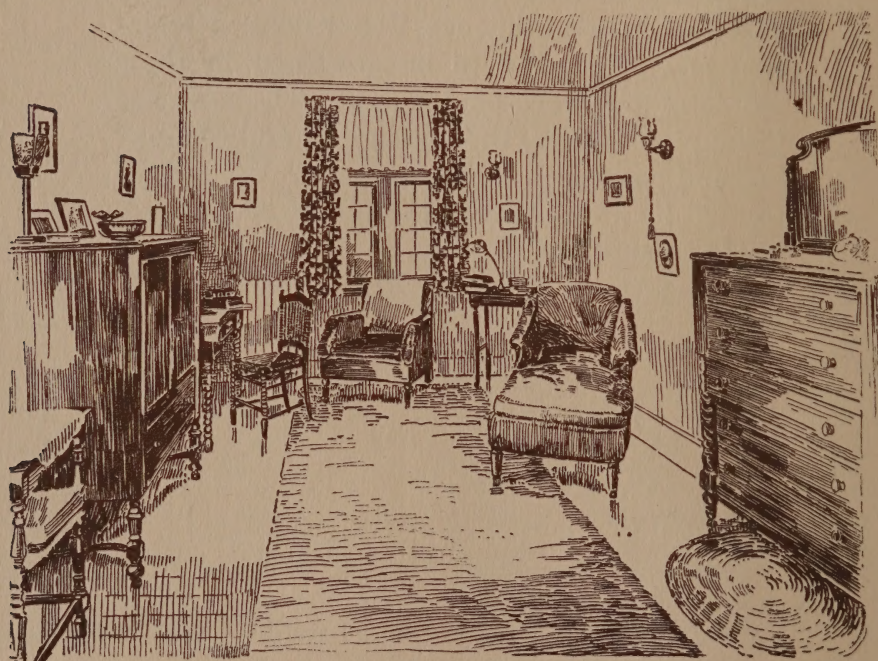
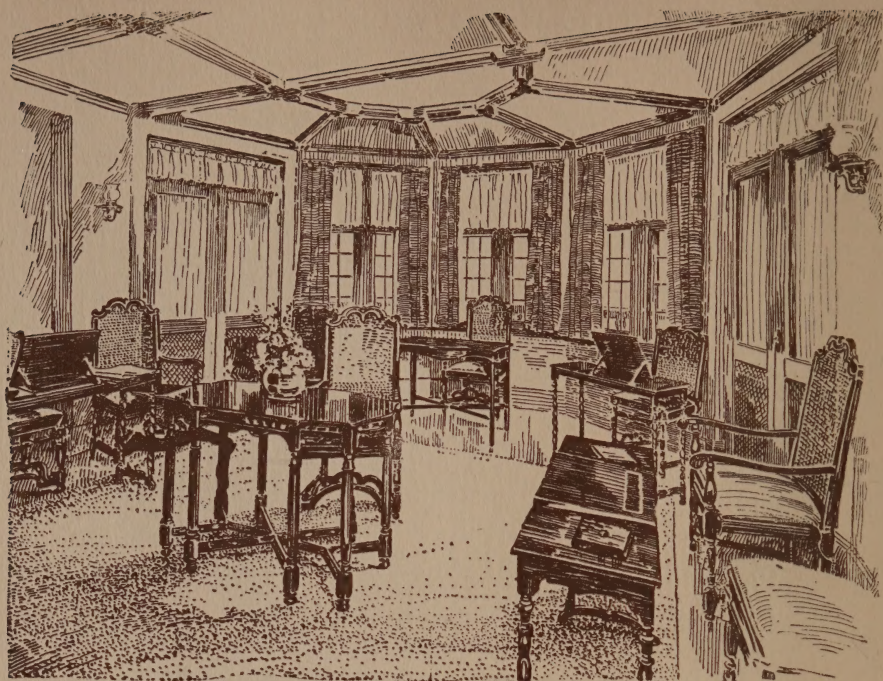
WEBSTER'S Dictionary says of the word benevolent:

“Having a disposition to do good; possessing or manifesting love to mankind, and a desire to promote their prosperity and happiness; disposed to give to good objects; kind, charitable.”

The Benevolent Association receives non-paying guests and part-paying guests to the extent of twenty-five per cent. of accepted applicants. Thus it is benevolent to those who are in needy circumstances.

Those who can pay consider it a benevolence to have such a resort, and gladly contribute. All guests receive the same courteous treatment.

The Christian Science Benevolent Association is endeavoring to be governed by these words of our revered Leader: “Love is the principle of unity, the basis of all right thinking and acting; it fulfils the law. We see eye to eye and know as we are known, reciprocate kindness and work wisely, in proportion as we love.” — *Miscellaneous Writings*, page 117.



*One of the Sun Parlors
Room in a Private Suite*

EXPENSES



THE prices decided upon by the Management were fixed simply to cover the actual cost of running the institution.

The price of rooms for those who pay is approximately ten dollars per week and upwards. In addition the board will be not less than fourteen dollars per week. These rates include general service such as a guest in a hotel receives, but do not include laundry work, the services of a general nurse or of a special nurse, which are extra.

Each guest is free to employ the practitioner he may desire.

All inquiries should be addressed to The Christian Science Benevolent Association, at its executive offices, 99 Falmouth Street, Boston 17, Massachusetts.

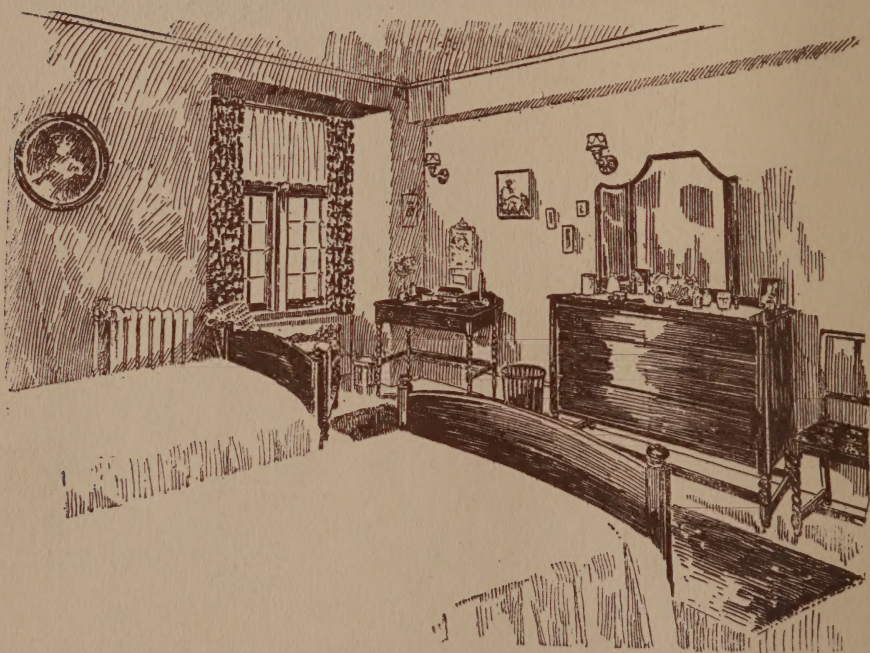




Administration Building and Dormitories



Views about the Reservoir



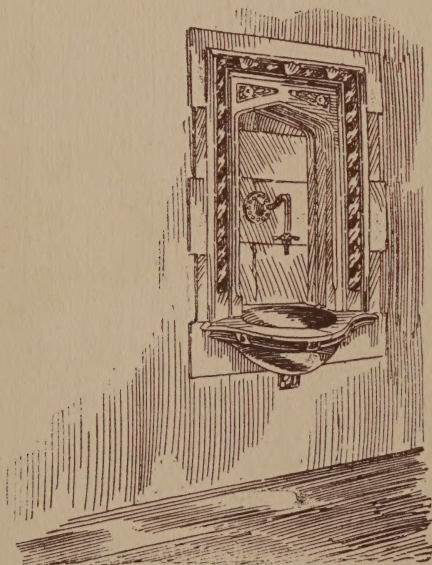
Bedrooms

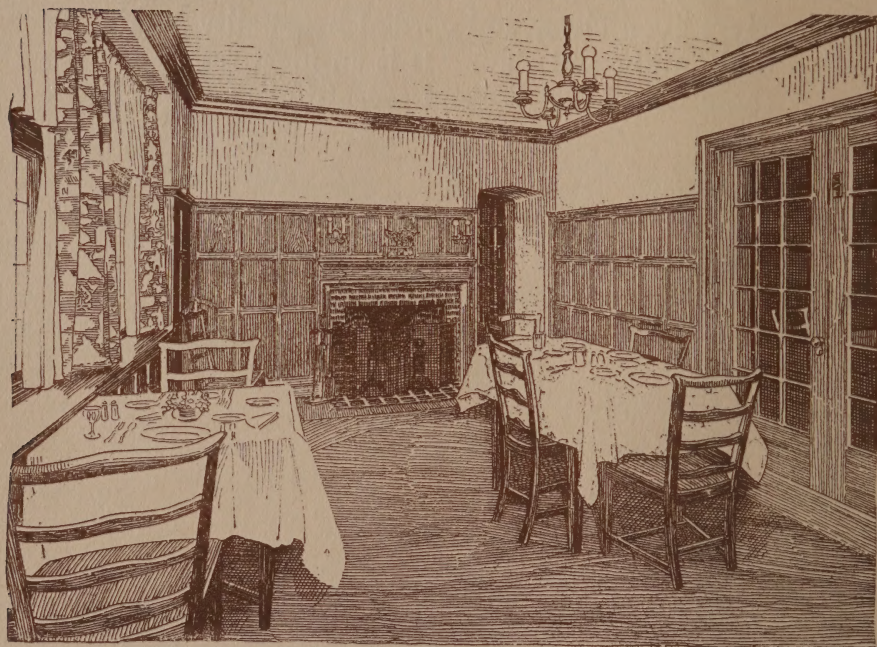
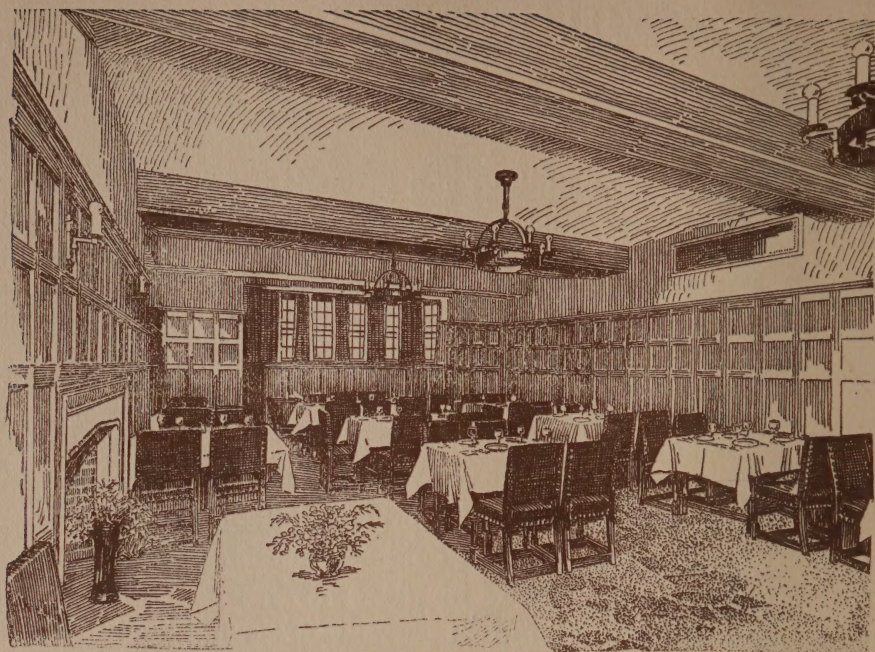
VISITORS WELCOME



THE buildings and grounds are open for inspection on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 5, when visitors are cordially welcome. Cards of admission for visitors should be obtained at the office of the Clerk of The Mother Church, 236 Huntington Avenue, Boston.

Many Christian Scientists have carefully inspected and heartily commended this wise project of Mrs. Eddy for practical benevolence. A visitor has said that cold conventionality and severe formality find no place here, and that an atmosphere of comfort pervades every nook and cranny, while one who saw the buildings lighted at night was reminded of the Master's saying: "a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Here good cheer and cordial hospitality obtain both night and day. It is an ideal resort for those who need rest and recruiting.



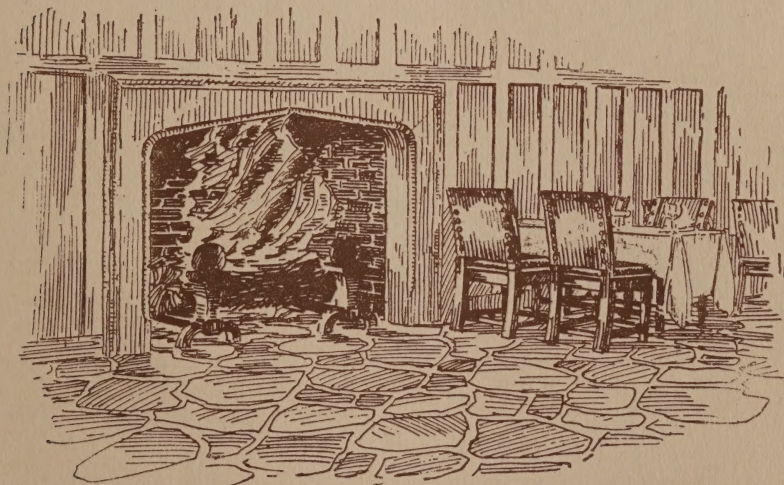


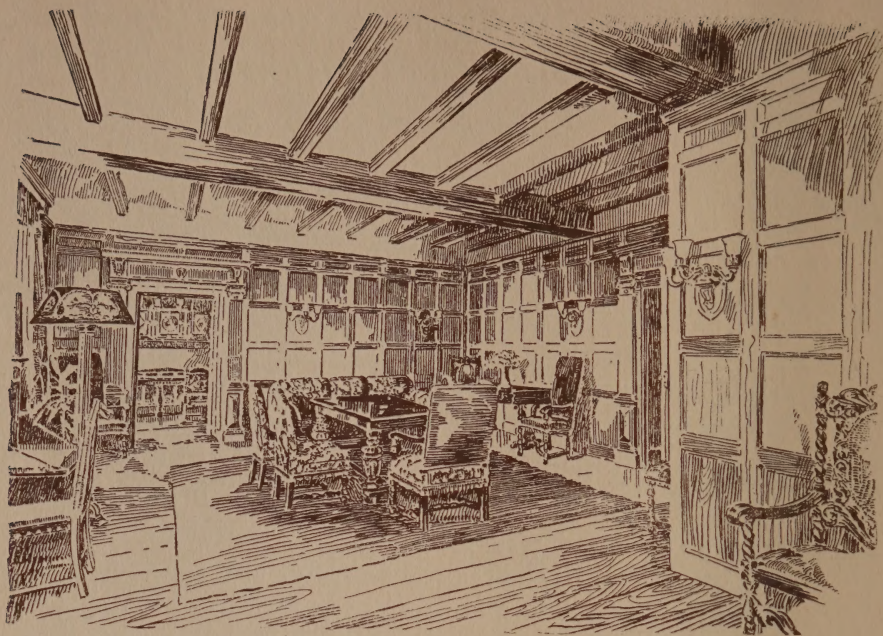
Dining Rooms

HOW TO REACH SINGLE TREE HILL



THE Christian Science Benevolent Association is located in Brookline at 910 Boylston Street, about four miles from the heart of Boston. It may be reached from the North or South Railroad Station by taking a car to the Park Street Subway Station and then transferring to a Chestnut Hill-Ipswich Street car running out Boylston Street through Brookline Village; or it may be reached by taking a Worcester or Framingham car on Huntington Avenue in front of Symphony Hall, or on Columbus Avenue near the Back Bay or Huntington Avenue Railroad Stations. Leave street car at Wright's Hill, East. Taxi-cabs may be secured at the railroad stations, or guests may arrange with the Management of the Benevolent Association to meet them on their arrival in Boston. The proper postal address is The Christian Science Benevolent Association, Chestnut Hill 67, Massachusetts.





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CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

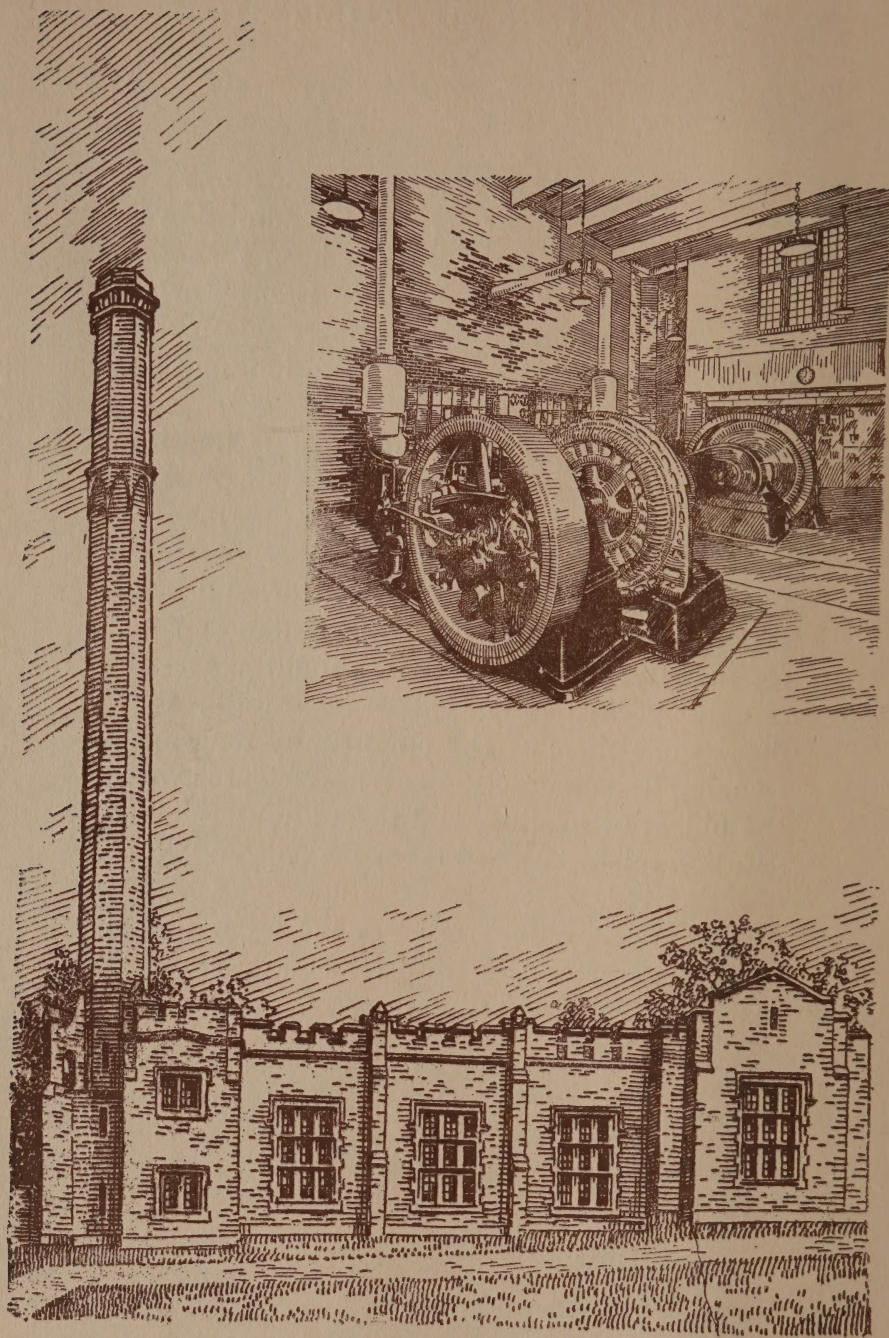


AT present there are accommodations for 140 guests. Preference for admission is granted to those who have been for some time members of The Mother Church or of its branches, though non-members who comply with the rules of the institution may be admitted.

Certain cases, demanding separate housing under the law, can not be taken at present. The institution does not offer a permanent home, except to a limited number of those who are not otherwise provided for, and have faithfully served the cause of Christian Science for many years. No one else should expect to remain permanently in the institution, thus depriving others of the opportunity for experiencing its benefits. Patients are accepted with the object of healing, and throughout the institution scientific expectancy prevails and hope is enthroned.

The Management reserves the right to remove a guest at any time for such reasons as may be deemed expedient.





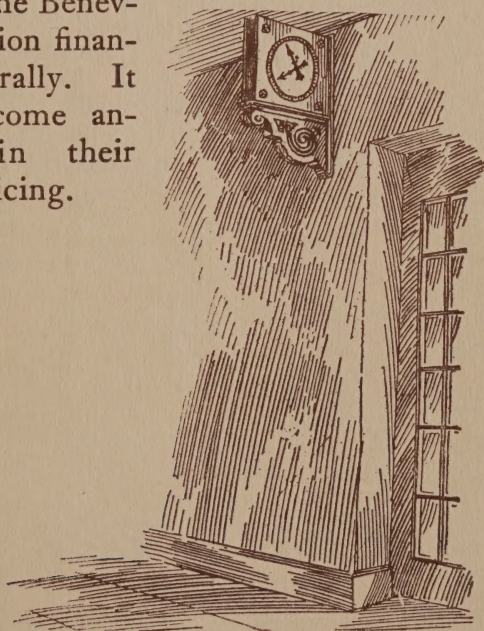
Power House, Interior

Power House, Exterior

LOYAL SUPPORT



MRS. EDDY made no specific provision in her will for The Christian Science Benevolent Association, but she planted the seed which is bearing fruit after its kind. Generous donations have been received in response to the call for funds, but larger sums are needed to realize the larger good planned for in the undertaking. A number of Churches have adopted the commendable practice of taking regular collections for the benefit of the Association Fund. This wise provision for the maintenance of the Sanatorium, if generally followed, would make possible the acceptance of a larger number of charity cases and so extend the work of Christian Science philanthropy. It is therefore hoped and expected that Christian Scientists everywhere will support the Benevolent Association financially and morally. It will thus become another star in their crown of rejoicing.





THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
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GROUNDS AND PROPOSED
PLAN OF BUILDINGS

APPRECIATION



"I desire to express my thanks to The Benevolent Association for its kindness to me. To mortal sense I was suffering from an attack of bronchitis accompanied by extreme weakness and exhaustion. While I seemed to be growing weaker and in need of care and appetizing food, your doors swung open to receive me. There I found perfect peace, quiet and harmony; discord was non-existent; everybody was cheerful; everybody was smiling; everybody was happy; more — everybody was social and helpful to every other body. Never before have I been a member of such a sunny household. The effect upon me was most beneficial, so that in ten days I was home again quite well. To enter this Home was indeed a great privilege, wherefore I feel deeply grateful to all who aided in making it possible."

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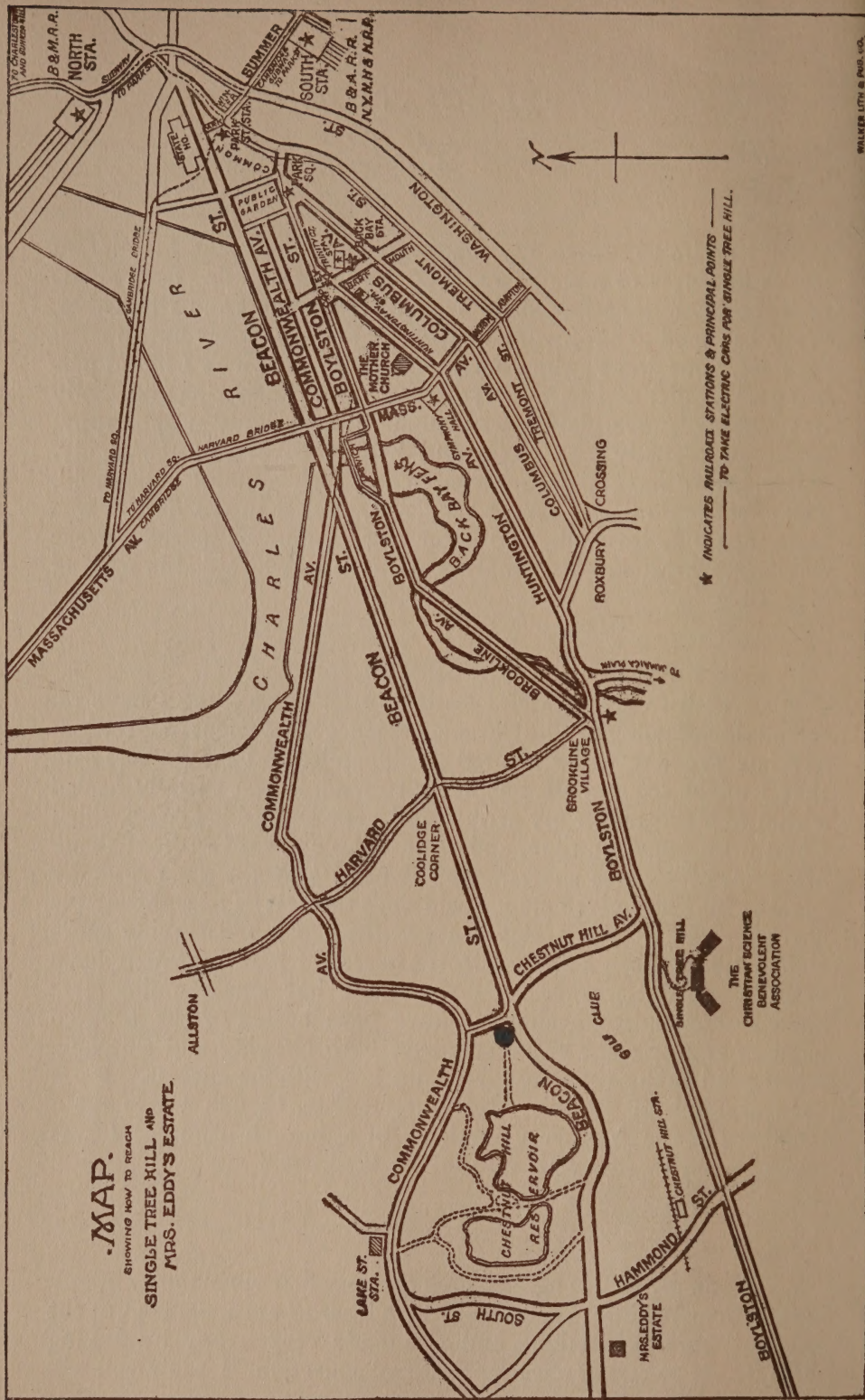
"I wish to give grateful testimony for the healing I have received since coming to The Christian Science Benevolent Association. My left eye was badly injured by dynamite and the doctors said that I might see to walk but never to read. I was entirely healed within four days after my arrival and have laid aside glasses which I had worn for some time, and am now able to read without them. My arm, which was shattered by dynamite at the same time my eye was hurt, has given me no pain since the first day I came, and is healing rapidly. Some eighteen months ago I had sinking spells and seemed to have a badly affected heart. I had treatment by a practitioner and was relieved somewhat but since coming here have had complete healing. I have been healed of the tobacco habit of twenty-eight years' standing, both chewing and smoking. I had tried many times to give it up but without success. I am very grateful for all this; also grateful that, though I was not a member of The Mother Church or of a branch Church, I was taken in and treated with such loving kindness."

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"Upon my return home I took the very first opportunity of telling the Board of First Church, of which Board I am a member, of the splendid work being done, and was made very happy by having them decide to call at once for a special collection. I know you will

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rejoice with me in this, and I trust it will only be one of many. I wish it were possible for all those who feel an interest in so doing to have a few days' stay, as did I, with your big and most interesting family. I know they would all feel that they had been dwelling 'in atmosphere of love divine' and would feel as I do that they want to help, and not only want to, but *can*, and *will*."

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"Since I cannot be with you on Wednesday evening, to testify personally, I ask you to express for me the deep and overflowing gratitude I feel for the privilege of abiding in this sanctuary dedicated to spiritual healing. It has been an experience I can compare to no other and the blessings are too great to mention. Each and every member of the household, whether guest or helper, has been an inspiration and I go forth strengthened and fortified. Each day has brought spiritual advance, and I am unspeakably grateful to our dear Leader, Mrs. Eddy, and to the Christian Scientists for the realization of this beautiful retreat where one can find and know the true healing."

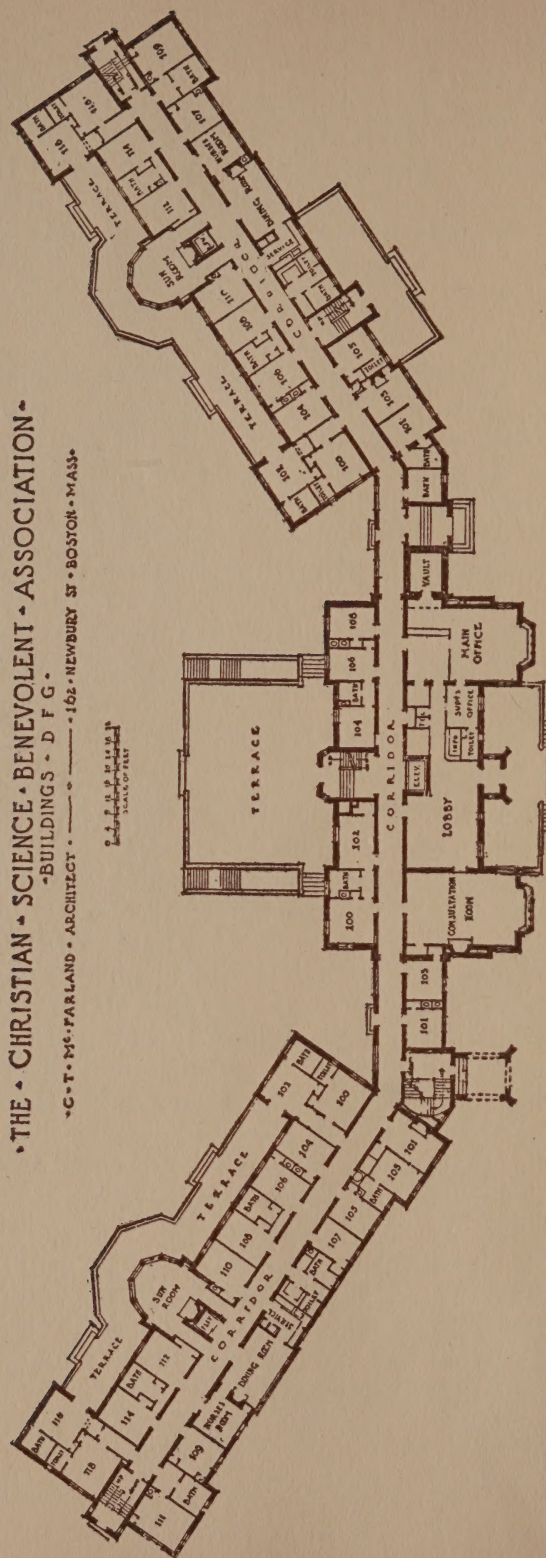
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"Since my return from Boston, manifold duties have presented themselves to be discharged, so that my days, yes, even my moments, have been entirely filled, but through all the seeming stress and strain of busy days and hours, I have never ceased to be grateful for the quiet, the harmony, and the beauty of The Christian Science Benevolent Association, and for all the loving helpfulness and brotherly kindness expressed to me by every one of the staff with whom I came in contact while it was my privilege to be a guest. I have accomplished much good already by telling individuals of the splendid things which have even now been accomplished there and by explaining to them that this work must of necessity be unfolded by prayer and only under divine guidance — it cannot be outlined by mortal mind. I have also spoken of this matter in the Wednesday evening meeting. I spoke to Mr. — the other day in regard to presenting to the Board the necessity of taking steps toward the establishing of a maintenance fund in our church, in addition to the Benevolent Building Fund already started. He was very enthusiastic in his praise of the work already done in Boston and said he would gladly present the matter at the right time."

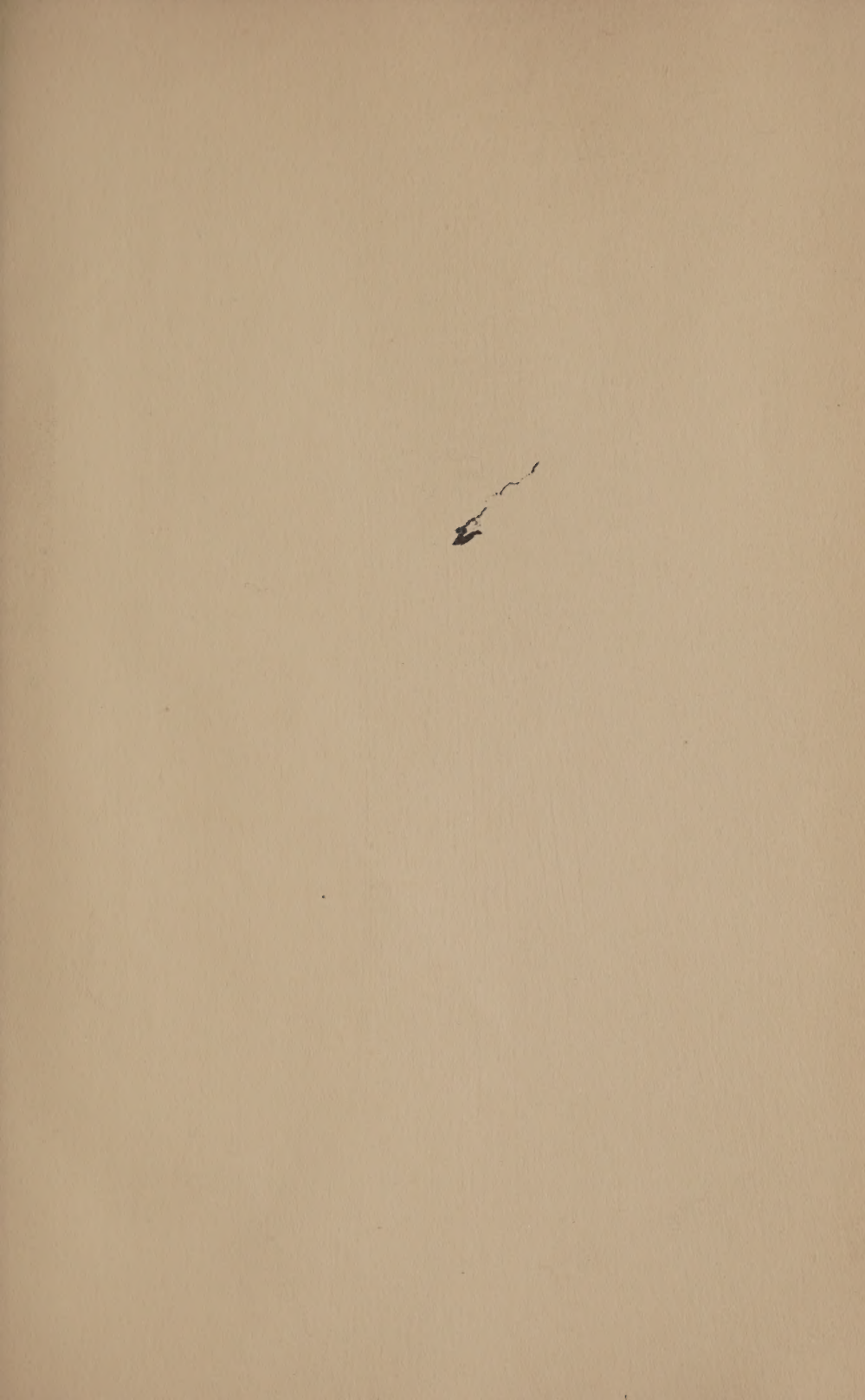
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